

Claims

What is claimed is

1. A pallet comprising

(a) four longitudinal top stringers,

(b) three transverse ribs, and

(c) four longitudinal bottom stringers,

(d) two of the longitudinal top and bottom stringers being located opposite each other at the ends of the transverse ribs, the other two longitudinal top and bottom stringers being located opposite each other on the ribs intermediate the ends of the ribs.

2. The pallet of claim 1 wherein the top and bottom stringers and the transverse ribs all have substantially the same length whereby the pallet is symmetrical in all directions and the top and bottom are identical.

3. The pallet of claim 2 wherein the spacing between an end stringer and its adjacent intermediate stringer is greater than the spacing between the intermediate stringers.

4. The pallet of claim 2 wherein the width of the top and bottom stringers and the transverse ribs is substantially the same.

5. The pallet of claim 4 wherein the width of the longitudinal top and bottom stringers and the transverse ribs is greater than the thickness of the edges of said stringers and ribs.

6. The pallet of claim 5 wherein the stringers are positioned on the ribs such that the width of the stringers is positioned on the edges of the ribs.

7. A rolled film and pallet combination comprising

(a) A pallet comprising four longitudinal top stringers, three transverse ribs, and four longitudinal bottom stringers, two of the longitudinal top and bottom stringers being located opposite each other at the ends of the transverse ribs, the other two longitudinal top and bottom stringers being located opposite each other on the ribs intermediate the ends of the ribs, and

(b) four rolls of plastic film, each wound on a core with the ends of the cores extending beyond the ends of the rolls a distance less than one half the distance between the outer surfaces of the top and bottom stringers, the rolls being positioned on the top surface of the top stringers with the core extensions being located in the spaces between the end stringers and the adjacent intermediate stringers.

8. The combination of claim 7 including paperboard containers for each of said rolls, each paperboard container having flat sides and a flat top and bottom, the tops and bottoms having apertures therein to accommodate the core extensions of the rolls contained in the containers.

9. The combination of claim 8 wherein the top and bottoms are defined by end flaps and side flaps which are folded inwardly and are sized to leave a gap at the centers of the tops and bottoms to accommodate said core extensions.

10. The rolled film and pallet combination of claim 7 including a plurality of said pallet combinations stacked one atop another.

11. The rolled film and pallet combination of claim 8 including a plurality of said pallet combinations and paperboard containers stacked one atop another.